

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day was introduced in 1984 and has become the nation's largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands in the United States; and

WHEREAS, public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and

WHEREAS, shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, business leaders, children and adults; and

WHEREAS, recreation opportunities offered on public lands in Greenbelt help families lead a more active lifestyle and reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, land conservation efforts improve access to public lands by urban residents and reduce barriers that prevent Americans from actively utilizing their public lands; and

WHEREAS, an alliance between private citizens, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all; and

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day, co-sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, has become an annually anticipated event for local participation on publicly held lands in Greenbelt.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 26, 2015, to be

PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in Greenbelt and urge all our residents to support and participate in efforts to improve and protect our public lands which are a connection to our past, a pledge to our future generations, and a continuing source of joy and spiritual renewal for all our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 15th day of September 2015.

EMMETT V. JORDAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Murray, City Clerk